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SELMA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

1887.

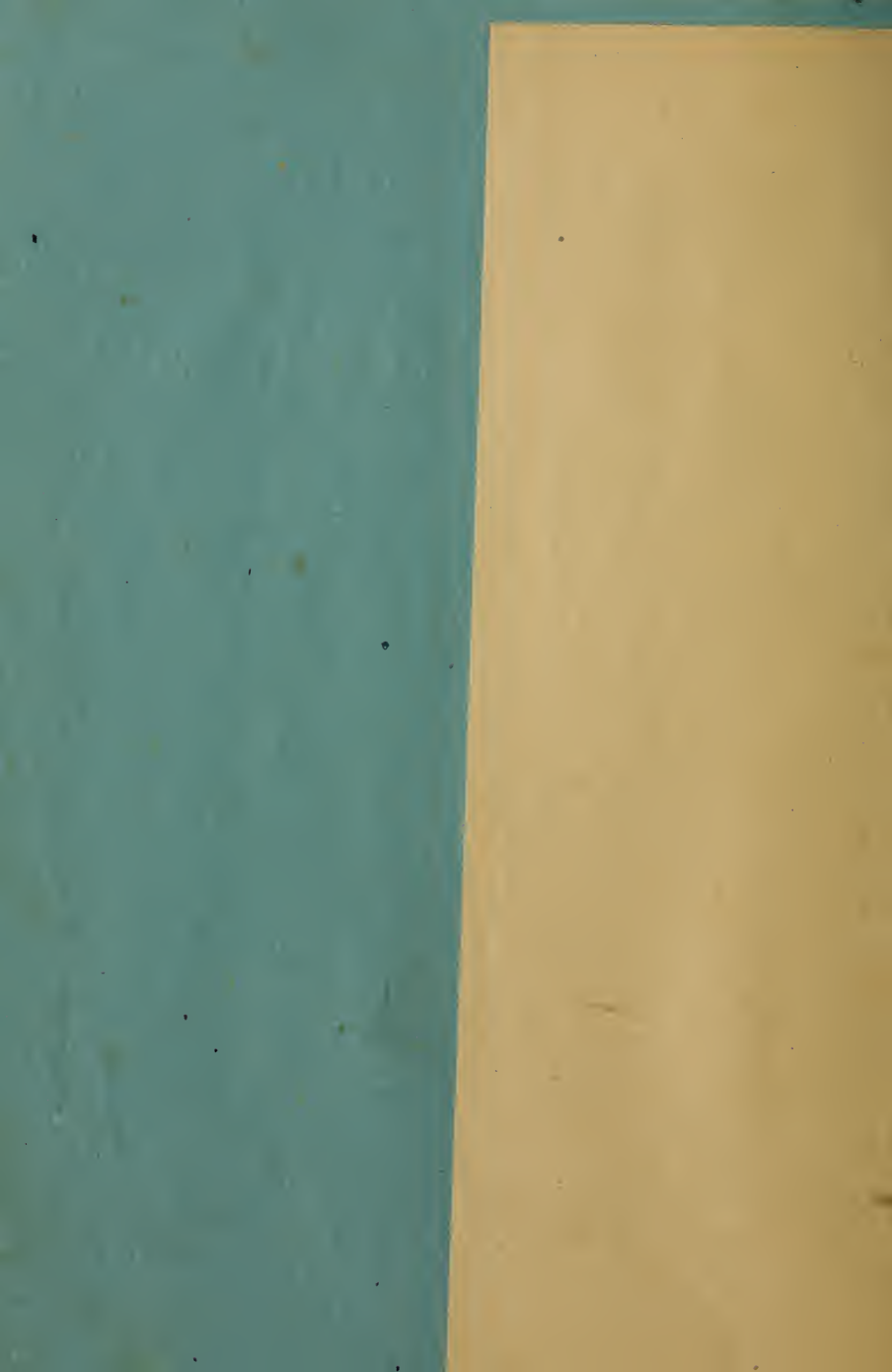
Meets next Year with Town Creek Church, Tuesday
before Second Sunday in August.

SELMA, ALABAMA:
MAIL BOOK AND JOB PRINT.
1887.



STATISTICAL REPORT.

NAME.	PASTOR'S ADDRESS.	CLERK'S ADDRESS.	MEMBERSHIP.		
			Lst Rpt	Gain	Loss N cw.
Center Ridge.....	W. G. Curry, Furnian.....	J. C. Yates, Cantonville.....	57	2	59
Town Creek.....	J. M. Fortune, Pleasant Hill.....	T. K. Whitenen, Colliernie.....	69		62
Benton.....	No Report.....				
Bethany.....	J. M. Fortune.....	J. A. Robertson, Colliernie.....	32		26
Mt. Gillead.....	S. J. Gads, Pleasant Hill.....	M. H. Traylor, Benton.....	21	1	22
Providence.....	J. A. Stewart, Orrville.....	J. B. Ellis, Orrville.....	91	5	96
Pleasant Hill.....	W. G. Curry, Furnian.....	J. W. Bailey, Pleasant Hill.....	57		55
Sister Springs.....	J. M. Smoke, Sappstone.....	Dan'l. Smoke, Benton.....	15		14
Shiloh.....	E. F. Bulter.....	P. W. Johnson, Selma.....	67		62
Selma.....	J. M. Frost.....	A. J. Goodwin.....	291	18	309
			700	26	705



MINUTES OF THE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

SELMA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

PLEASANT HILL, ALA., Tuesday, Aug. 9th, 1887.

Introductory sermon at 11 o'clock by J. W. Stewart; called to order at 1:30 p. m. by I. R. Eskew. H. D. S. Mallory, was elected temporary Chairman.

DELEGATES ENROLLED AS FOLLOWS:

Center Ridge—H. S. Yates, Jos. Swink and J. M. McIver; Town Creek—J. M. Fortune, S. W. Quarles and J. F. Ellis; Bethany—Alfred Edwards, D. Rast, J. O. Robertson; Benton—W. H. May and Thos. Crumpton; Bahama—J. S. Catts; Providence—J. F. Averett, B. F. Ellis; J. W. Stewart, Lewis Johnson and A. Mosley; Pleasant Hill—W. R. Hardy, J. E. Barnes, P. Hamilton and J. R. Crumpton; Mount Gilead—H. W. Edwards, A. D. Lawhorn and M. H. Traylor; Sisler Springs—J. M. Smoke, Shiloh—G. Wood, P. W. Johnson and G. D. Johnson; Selma—H. S. D. Mallory, J. H. Hickson, H. B. Haine and I. R. Eskew. No objection being offered the Delegates and letters were received.

On motion of W. R. Hardy, H. D. S. Mallory was acclaimed as Moderator; I. R. Eskew, Clerk, and J. F. Ellis, Treasurer.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED.

Alabama Baptist—C. W. Hare; State Board—W. B. Crumpton; Home Board—J. M. Fortune; Foreign Board—C. W. Hare; Ministerial—W. G. Curry—Pine Barren Association—W. G. Curry.

On motion the report on Missions was set for 10 o'clock Wednesday.

COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

J. F. Ellis, A. Edwards, J. S. Catts.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

B. F. Ellis, W. R. Hardy and J. M. McIver. The appointee being absent W. B. Crumpton was requested to preach the Missionary Sermon.

COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS EXERCISES.

W. G. Curry, Henry B. Haine and J. M. Fortune.

Under the head of Miscellaneous Business, Brother Crumpton spoke in behalf of the Book Depository at Marion, showing advantage to both buyer and board by sending there for any book wanted.

COMMITTEE ON TIME AND PLACE.

W R. Hardy, Henry B Haine and Thomas Crumpton.

COMMITTEE ON STATE OF RELIGION.

J. W. Stewart, A. D. Lawhorn and J. M. Smoke.

COMMITTEE ON DOCUMENTS.

I. R. Eskew, G. Wood and M. H. Traylor.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Can there be a greater evil than intemperance? One that demands more of our thought and efforts to abolish? The Bible is opposed to it, humanity manhood, womanhood, all that is good and holy demand that it be restricted. Intemperance means excess of any kind and is harmful always; but more potently so in its common meaning as applied to strong drink, the opiates &c. and it is in this capacity mainly, that it should be treated. We all know men of mind and culture and who would be men of influence, but for the cup, instead of filling the high noble sphere by nature and culture intended for; He has formed the awful habit of visiting the grogshop, not much at first, but it grew, and now he is worse than the beast. Another noble soul takes opium once, twice, it gains strength and he is himself no more;—not so good as a machine, for he cannot act a part assigned him with regularity, and that divine power, thought is utterly banished.

Now as followers of Christ who lived to do good; it seems plainly our duty to exert our every influence to put these evils out of the way of our fellow man—while we should thank God for the noble energetic prohibition workers throughout our land and the great works they are accomplishing everywhere; we have no excuse for inactivity, there is a part for each one of us to see to it, that our influence is not opposed to the principles that we claim to uphold. Brethren, sometimes some of our best leading Christian men grow too indifferent as to appearances in this matter and great harm is done. Let us join hands in the grand work, and with God as our helper do the right. We believe it right to prohibit absolutely the vending or use as a beverage of all alcoholic drinks with all its allied habits; hence we urge strenuous efforts for prohibition. Adopted.

J. M. McIVER Chairman.

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS EXERCISES.

Tuesday eight o'clock, Sunday School Mass Meeting, addressed by H. S. D. Mallory and W B Crumpton, preceded by fifteen minutes service of song by I R Eskew.

Wednesday, 9:30, service of song by J M McIVER.

11:00 Missionary Sermon by W B Crumpton, 8:00 p m. Preaching by J W Stewart. Adopted.

The Committee on Sunday Schools was requested to report to-night at 8 p m. Adjourned until 8 p m.

Tuesday 8 o'clock, the Sunday School Mass Meeting was addressed by H S D Mallory. The regular order for 10 o'clock was suspended in favor of Miscellaneous Business. Added to Committee on Finance and Apportionment Lewis Johnson and P W Johnson.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your Committee feel gratified in reporting the spirit of education that seems to be aroused all over our State. We recommend to the Baptists of this Association the great importance (in addition to maintaining and keeping up good home schools) the necessity of supporting and patronizing our denominational schools and colleges. We would especially recommend the Judson Female Institute located at Marion and Howard College recently removed to East Lake near Birmingham. While there has been some difference of opinion as to the expediency and wisdom of such removal, we now call upon all the Baptists of the State to rally to its support.

Your Committee further suggest that this Association co-operate with the Board of Ministerial Education of the Alabama Baptist State Convention located at Montgomery, and that we defray the expenses of two brethren preparing for the ministry. Respectfully submitted,

B F ELLIS,
J M McIVER,
W R HARDY, Committee.

Report was made the special order for 3 o'clock. Adopted.

REPORT ON LITERATURE.

The truth of the aphorism, "A people's history is formed by what they read" cannot be kept too prominently before us. And it is equally true that individual character and destiny are formed and shaped in large measure by what we read. The history of the past and the present establishes this truth. The fruits of a pure, moral literature are seen in an elevated, refined, Christian people. Conversely an impure and low order of literature produces its natural fruits in a course, immoral, unchristian, and often communistic and barbarous society.

In this christian land we have both orders of literature—the pure and the impure. Many of the books and newspapers and pamphlets and circulars, and pictures that are flooding our country are seeking with the virus of social, moral and eternal death. On the other hand, and in opposition to this vile stuff, the religious and moral press is sending forth books and papers, and tracts all over the land. In this grand work the press should have the prayers and the support of every friend of humanity and of immortal souls.

We cannot too highly recommend to all the Alabama Baptists our own paper; and we insist that every Baptist should take and read it.

The Foreign Mission Journal has been enlarged and greatly improved every way and should be in every family.

The colportage work of our State Mission Board deserves the support of every lover of good literature.

We also recommend the Sunday School literature of the American Baptist Publication Society, and of our Home Mission Board as the very best for Baptist Sunday Schools. Respectfully submitted,

J M FORTUNE.

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

Your Committee rejoice to report that while the material development of our State has been so great, and the influx of population so steady, there has been also an increase in our contributions to give the Gospel to the thousands who are coming. Brethren we must take our State for Christ. The cause is suffering grievously in many places in North Alabama. If we will maintain a

good man in each of those rising towns for a few years they will not only become self-sustaining, but will become a power in spreading the Gospel abroad.

The Home Missions Board has a claim on us that we can't afford to pass unnoticed. Very much has been accomplished by this work, but more remains to be done.

Fifty years ago we prayed that God would open to us the heathen nations of earth so that we might go in and possess them. To-day the whole world is open to receive the Gospel. China says come and teach your religion. What are we waiting for? Brethren surely we have not yet realized that the Gospel is the power of God unto salvation."

Let us adopt some system of giving to the great cause. Your Committee would recommend either the giving of one tenth of your income, or let every one lay by him in store on the first day of the week as God has prospered him.

Let us not lose sight of the fact that we hold the "Word of Life," for which the nations are perishing.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W STEWART, Chairman.

REPORT OF STATE OF RELIGION IN THE CHURCHES.

From the reports of the various Churches we see that there has been a slight decrease in our membership. This added to a decline in our contributions leads your Committee to conclude that the state of religion in the Churches is not the most gratifying. Providence, Centre Ridge and Shilo reports protracted meetings with good results. Your Committee recommend that we maintain such a live interest in religious work that protracted meetings will cease to be a necessity. Respectfully submitted,

Adopted.

JOHN W STEWART, Chirman.

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS EXERCISES.

To-night at eight o'clock preaching by J W Stewart. Introductory sermon next year by S J Catts. Missionary sermon by W G Curry.

REPORT ON TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

"Town Creek Church on Tuesday before the second Sunday in August.

The Report on Education was taken up, discussed at some length and adopted.

Programme for Fifth Sunday meeting. On motion of J. Catts, it was agreed that Fifth Sunday meetings be regularly held within the bounds of the Association. Adopted.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Selma,.....	\$ 125 00
Center Ridge.....	20 00
Town Creek,.....	20 00
Bethamy,.....	5 00
Benton,.....	
Rukamah;.....	
Providence,.....	50 00
Pleasant Hill,.....	20 00
Sisler Springs,.....	
Shiloh,.....	10 00
Mt Gilead, (M H Traylor Sec'y).....	5 00
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	\$ 255 00
A D Lawhorn,.....	5 00
Joe Fortune,.....	1 00

REPORT OF APPORTIONMENT.

Received by voucher for State Missions	\$203 70
For Home Missions.....	99 70
" Foreign	213 15
" Ministerial Education.....	236 64
" A. B. P. Society.....	14 90
" State Mission by Sunday Schools.....	6 80
" Havana Cemetery	10 00
" Home mission by L. A. Societies.....	4 40
" Foreign " " " "	11 95
" State " " " "	11 75
" Ministerial Education by L. A. Societies.....	31 45
" Endowment of Howard College	113 30
" Judson Memorial Fund.....	13 00
" Poor by Selma Church.....	58 90
Received by cash for State Missions.....	12 85
Cash collected after Missionary sermon.....	18 70
For Minutes	16 00

/ Total..... \$ 1076 50

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

James B. Ellis, Treasurer, in account with Selma Association from August 3rd 1886 to August 9th, 1887 :

1887	DR.	CR.
August 3rd to amount of collection.....	\$39 90	
" 4th " " "	16 05	
Total amount received.....	\$ 55 95	
August 5th, credit by amount paid I. R. Eskeu for printing of minutes. See voucher No 1...		\$16 05
August 8th, credit by amount paid W. B. Crumpton by instructions of Association. See voucher No. 2.....		39 90
Total disbursements.....		\$ 55 95

Respectfully Submitted,

JAMES B. ELLIS,
Aug. 8th, 1887.. Treasurer.

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We recommend the following amounts be paid during the next associational year for missionary purposes :

Center Ridge Church.....	\$ 50 00
Benton	15 00
Providence.....	100 00
Sister Springs.....	5 00
Shiloh.....	40 00
Bethany.....	25 00
Mt. Gilead	35 00
Pleasant Hill.....	80 00
Selma	575 00
Town Creek	80 00

\$ 1005 00

The report on Literature was taken up, discussed and adopted.

STANDING COMMITTEES TO REPORT IN 1888 :

On Missions—B. F. Ellis, Lewis Johnson and Henry Haine.

On Sunday Schools—J. W. Stewart, W. R. Hardy and M. H. May.

On Temperance—I. R. Eskew, J. O. Robertson and Jos. Swink.

On Literature—Alfred Edwards, J. R. Crumpton and Paul Johnson.

On Education—J. M. McIver, Miles Hardy and M. H. Tralor.

On motion of W. G. Curry pledges were taken for ministerial education.

Delegates to State Convention—J. R. Crumpton, M. H. Traylor, J. F. Ellis, Evan Barnes and A. D. Lawhorn.

B. F. Ellis offered the following amendment to the Constitution :

RESOLVED, That the Constitution of this Association be amended as follows : That each church belonging to this body be entitled to five delegates and that all ordained Ministers holding their membership with churches members of this Association be recognized as members without reference to the above representation.

B. F. ELLIS.

The following resolution offered by Mr. Lewis Johnson, was unanimously adopted :

RESOLVED, That the thanks of this Association is hereby tendered to this church and community for their hospitality shown us during our session.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS:

We, your committee on Sunday Schools make the following report :

We find that seven of the churches report Sabbath Schools; two of the number report Sabbath Schools only twice a month. We find a small increase in the Sabbath Schools over last report. Before looking over the statistics of the Association we find the church members number 718 and only 375 total of pupils in Sabbath Schools contributed to missions \$41 20. We recommend that every church in the Association endeavor to establish a Sunday School in their respective churches, and attend and take their families with them, then the report will be larger at the next meeting.

We recommend the Sunday literature published by the American Publication Society and also that of the Home Mission Board. Principly kind words.

J. F. ELLIS, Chairman,

A. EDWARDS,

S. J. CATTS.

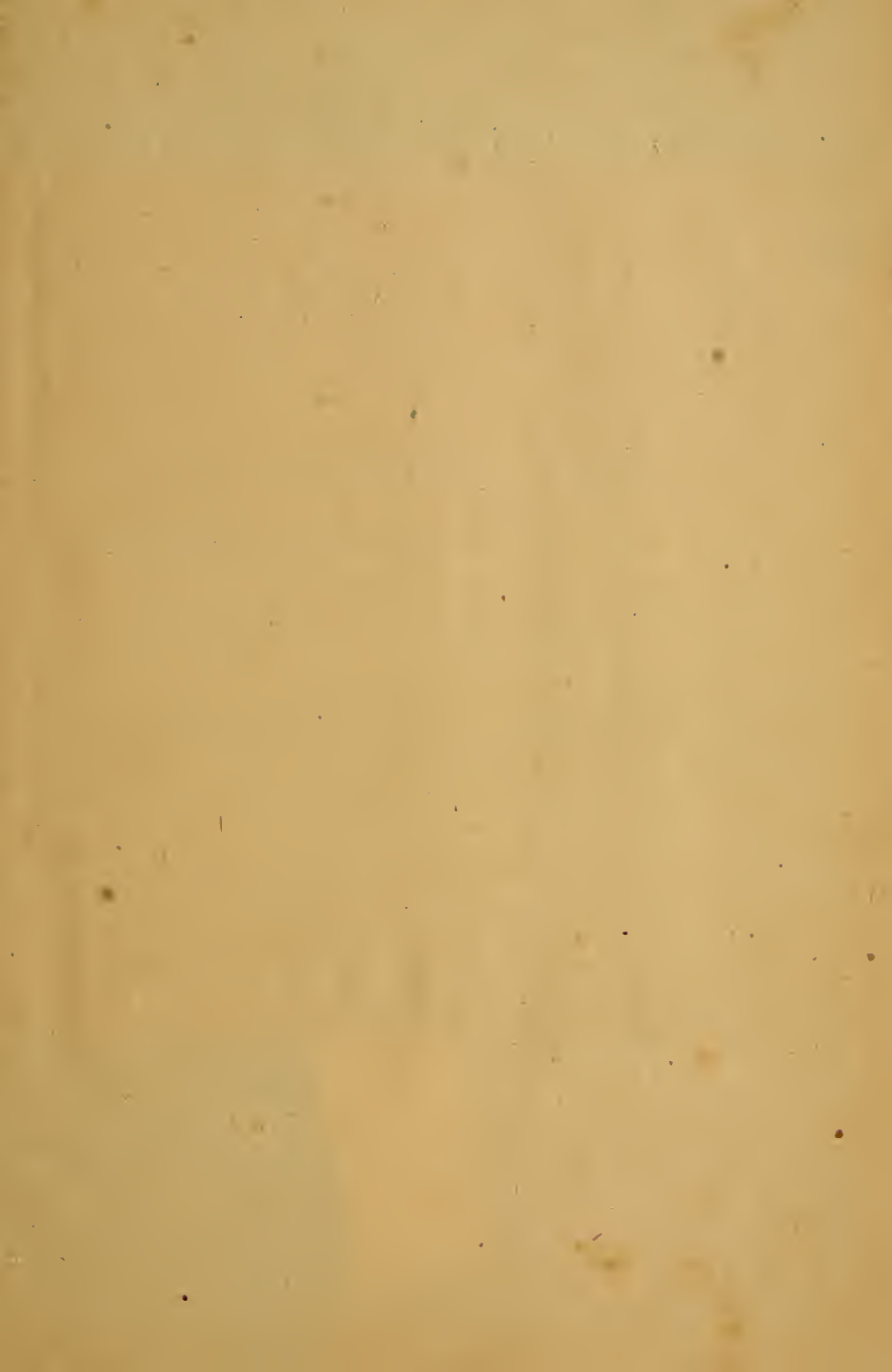
Executive Board—H. S. D. Mallory, Law Lamar, B. F. Ellis, W. P. Melton and S. W. Quarles.

The meeting adjourned to meet next year with Town Creek Church on Tuesday, before the second Sunday in August.

H. S. D. MALLORY, Moderator.

I. R. ESKEW, Clerk.

Pleasant Hill, Ala., Aug. 10th, 1887.





FINANCE REPORT.

NAMES OF THE CHURCHES	STATE MISSIONS			HOME MISSIONS.		FOR MISSION		MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.		MIN-UTES.	CHURCH EXPENSES		SABBATH SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS.						LADIES AID SOCIETY CONTRIBUTIONS.						JUDSON M. FUND.												
	VOUCHER.	CASH		VOUCHER.		VOCH'R.		GENL	COLGE		P SAL'Y	INC'D.	A B P S.	STATE MISSIONS.	HAVANA CEM'RY.	COLLEC-TIONS	EXPEN-SES.	STATE MISIONS	HOME MISIONS	FOREIGN MISSION.	MIN EDUAT'N	ENDOWM'T H. COLEGE															
Center Ridge,	\$ 20	50	\$	\$ 5	50	\$ 20	25	\$ 15	50	\$ 1	50	\$ 250	00	\$ 75	00	\$ 6	50																				
Town Creek,	5	00			90	2	50	6	50	1	50	225	00	10	00	3	40	\$ 1	65	\$ 5	00																
Bethany.	6	50				5	00	5	25	1	00	100	00																								
Benton,																																					
Rubama,																																					
Mt Gilcad,	10	40	10	00		2	30	5	00	1	90	100	00	11	10																						
Providence,	56	30				17	00	56	60	3	05	400	00	75	00	5	00	5	15	5	00	23	65	8	50												
Pleasant Hill,				1 85				35	00	1	50	250	00	293	65																						
Sister Springs,											55																										
Zion,				1 00				11	10	2	00																										
Sum.	105	00				90	00	145	00	31	00	180	00	885	00																						
	263	70	12	85		115	70	213	15	16	00	1500	00	1349	75	14	90	6	80	10	00	23	65	8	50	11	75	4	40	11	95	31	45	113	30	13	00

Paid by the Selma Church for the poor \$58.90.

Cash Collected after Missionary Sermon, \$18 70,

LEWIS JOHNSON.

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